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Subject: Scientific Review Panel Workshop

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is conducting a facilitated scientific review focusing on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program's Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan to be held October 6 through October 9 at the Sacramento Convention Center. To conduct the review we will convene an independent Scientific Review Panel comprised of nationally-recognized experts from several disciplines to assess and evaluate the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan (ERPP). This workshop will be open to the public and we invite you to attend and observe the deliberations of the Panel.

The Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan is the long-term restoration and management plan for the Bay-Delta system to achieve the ecosystem quality objective of the CALFED Program. The goal of the ERPP is to reverse the decline of the ecosystem and provide for recovery of those species which are currently imperiled. The ERPP is organized into three volumes, the last of which was recently completed. Like all components of the CALFED Program, the ERPP is the result of an iterative process among State and Federal agencies, stakeholders in the Bay-Delta system and members of the academic community. Participants in the CALFED Program agree that, due to the complexity of the Bay-Delta system and the importance and scope of the ERPP, independent scientific review is essential. This Scientific Review Panel for the ERPP is the first formal scientific review process of the CALFED Program.

While the primary focus of the facilitated review is on the deliberations by the Panel, there will be opportunities on each day of the four-day workshop for members of the public to provide public comments relative to the discussions. For further description of the Scientific Review Panel workshop, please refer to the following attachments which describe the process and expectations for the Scientific Review Panel; members of the Scientific Panel, including a summary of their areas of specialization; a series of questions developed to guide and structure the Panel's deliberation; and an agenda of the four-day workshop.

Please note that the workshop will be held at the Sacramento Convention Center in Rooms 314-315 on October 6, 7 and 8 and in Exhibit Hall E on October 9. Ample public parking is available nearby. Should you have any questions or like to request any of the volumes of the ERPP, please call CALFED at (916) 657-2666 or by mail or fax at the letterhead address above.

Attachments

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CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service